



(From left to right) Sgt. 1st Class Celestino T. Jimenez; 478th Civil Affairs Team Leader; Abdourzak Daoud Ahmed, commissioner of the District of Tadjoura; Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Adour, director of the Tadjoura Medical Hospital; Ali Issa Ali, contractor for the renovations and Army Col. Charles E. Sumpter, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa's director of logistics, cut the ribbon to signify the reopening of the newly renovated Tadjoura Medical Hospital here Dec. 6. "Thank you very much and Happy New Year," concluded Ali. He wanted to end his speech with a few words, but he wanted them to be in English so that he could speak to CJTF-HOA members without a translator.

# Renovated hospital project a success

Photo and story by Lance Cpl. Adam C. Schnell

**TADJOURA, Djibouti** – Personnel from Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa and many local community members came together to celebrate the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on the newly renovated Tadjoura Medical Hospital here Jan. 6.

The \$60,000 project, one of the largest in the region, was paid for by CJTF-HOA and will now expand care to the nearly 55,000 people.

"We provide care to about 150 people a day, the renovations made here in the past three months were much needed," said Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Adour, director of the Tadjoura Medical Hospital.

The renovations couldn't have come at a better time, continued Adour, who has been the director at the hospital for two years. It can now provide emergency care that was done before in Djibouti City, a three-hour drive from here.

The renovations were done through a local contacted company, Mer Rouge Enterprise. The company won the project through a process of finding the correct company to perform the work needed.

"A contract is advertised to companies with the community where the renovations are being done," said Army Capt. Reuben L. McCoy, operations officer for the battalion. "Each company will place a

bid stating how much money they can do the project for and the companies are researched on the quality of work done in the past."

The company awarded the contract works with CJTF-HOA civil affairs and engineers to complete the renovations needed. They also work together to make sure each mission is done in a timely manner.

The contracted company not only kept high standards when completing the restoration but also went beyond the call along with 30 Marines from the 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit. The volunteers painted

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An Army sergeant adds soap to the LP-12 drill at the Tawallah, Djibouti, Jan. 7. The soap helps the chip rock from the drill float to the surface.

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